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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GREENLAND, DARRELL

Examiner

Fenn C Mathew

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 15, 18-20 and 24-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 9-13, 16, 21-23 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 14 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-6, 9-13, 21-23, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Einsig (U.S. 5,813,951). Please refer to paragraphs 5-17 of the previous office action. The added limitations to claim 1 do not render it patentable over the prior art as Einsig discloses the connecting member pivotably connected through a first pivot (60) to the supporting member, and by a second pivot (26c is pivotally connected to the connecting member) to a free weight. With respect to newly added claim 27, the limitations of claim 27 are comprised of the limitations of claims 1-3 which were addressed in the previous office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Einsig. Please refer to paragraph 19 of the previous office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 7, 14, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Please see paragraph 20 of the previous office action.

6. Claims 8, 15, 18-20 and 24-26 are allowed. See paragraph 21 of the previous office action.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 06/01/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

8. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references. Applicant has gone to great length to provide case law in anticipation of future obviousness rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), but has failed to adequately address the anticipation rejection. The amendment to claim 1 fails to distinguish the claims from the previously cited Einsig reference for reasons detailed in the above paragraphs. Furthermore, Applicant failed to amend or address the rejections with respect to claim 21. Applicant has also stated that newly added claim 27 contains subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner in the previous Office Action. Examiner respectfully disagrees with that statement, as it appears that claim 27 is a combination of the features of claims 1-3, which were addressed in the above rejections.

Conclusion

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fenn C Mathew whose telephone number is (703) 305-2846. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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